

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Claims 27-33 and 109-116 remain pending, where claims 1-25 and 34-108 were previously cancelled. By this communication, claim 26 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the underlying subject matter, claim 27-33 are amended, and claims 109-116 are added.

In a Decision on Appeal dated November 14, 2008 the Board indicated that the Examiner erred in rejecting claims 30 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §103. Thus, in an effort to expedite prosecution Applicants have placed claims 30, 31, and 33 into independent form. In addition, claims 109-116 have been added and recite the subject matter of original claims 28, 29, 30, and 32, where applicable.

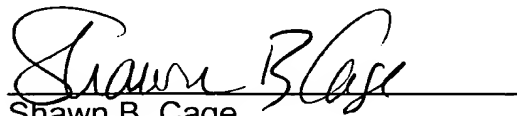
Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 27-33 and 109-116 are allowable and this application is in condition for allowance. In the event any concerns remain regarding the allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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